

House Resolution No. 4691

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize William T. "Bill" Stewart, who is stepping down as Chief of the Excelsior Springs Fire Department after many years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Chief Stewart signed on as a volunteer with the Excelsior Springs Fire Department on June 7, 1961, achieving the ranks of Captain, Training Officer, and Assistant Chief before being appointed Fire Chief on November 1, 1990; and

Whereas, during his impressive tenure, Chief Stewart helped acquire two grants for the purchase of two ambulances, publicize a Capital Improvements Sales Tax, purchase two Class 1 Fire Pumpers, secure construction of a new fire headquarters and station in 1996, and obtain funding to replace the Department's thirty-five year-old 75 foot Snorkel with a new 75 foot Quint; and

Whereas, Chief Stewart is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with the Western Missouri Fire Chiefs Association, Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Northland Fire Chief's Council, of which he is a founding member; and

Whereas, Chief Stewart has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife of twenty-nine years, Linda; his four children, Janet Stewart, Scott and Kathy Stewart, Shannon and John Faulkner, and Chris Stewart; and his eight grandchildren, Kyle, Jon, Brett, Laura, Jack, Seth, Chase, and Addyson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Chief Stewart for his forty-six years of unparalleled service to the Excelsior Springs Fire Department; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Fire Chief William T. "Bill" Stewart.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Nance
District No. 36

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4691, adopted September 11, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker